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REMARKS

This amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed November 16, 2005. The responses are in the order in which the rejections are set forth in the Office Action.

Claims 13-16 are objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as being in improper form because a multiple dependent claim cannot depend on another multiple dependent claim. In response, claims 13-16 are amended so as not to depend on another multiple dependent claim.

Claims 1-19 are rejected based upon a judicially created double-patented doctrine. However, as noted by the Examiner, a timely filed disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) may be used to overcome this rejection. In response, a terminal disclaimer limiting the term of any patent issued on the current application to run concurrently with the term for U.S. Patent 6,904,046 is filed herewith.

It is believed the present amendment answers all the issues raised by the Examiner. Reconsideration is hereby requested and an early allowance of all the claims is solicited.

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